

SCHOOLYARD STEWARDSHIP

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seasonal opportunities

bulb planting - a fall activity

Late fall is the time to prepare for spring by planting bulbs. In March and April - a month before most other plants flower - the immature leaves, flower buds and stems push out of the earth. In a few more weeks beautiful blossoms are ready to discover & observe. Once planted, bulbs multiply & bloom year after year.

Bulbs are available from local garden centers, Home Depot, and many mail order catalogues. We have had success ordering online from:

Netherland Bulb Company
13 McFadden Road
Easton, PA 18045
1-888-508-3763
<http://www.netherlandbulb.com/c-1-most-popular.aspx>

types of bulbs

Crocus - small blossoms in very early spring

Narcissus (daffodil) - early bloom, will be 10"-12" tall

Hyacinths - wonderful fragrance in spring

Alliums - late spring bloom, 40" high

Tulips - large blossom, spring bloom (see Journey North below) - Red Emperor tulip ordering information:

<http://www.netherlandbulb.com/pc-61-1-red-emperor-tulip.aspx>

educational opportunities

Journey North Project - an engaging program to participate with other schools and follow seasonal change across the country. **Student project ideas & bulb planting instructions:**

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tulip/index.html>



Outdoor Writing observing tulips & daffodils, Trotter School Outdoor Classroom on May 1st.



Tulips bloom while many other plants are still dormant, mid-April in the Gardner School Outdoor Classroom.



Crocus



Narcissus



Allium

note! *Bulbs are perennials. it is best to plant bulbs in dedicated schoolyard and outdoor classroom areas, rather than in raised student planting beds that are reserved for annual experimental plantings. Bulbs are well suited for under trees, along edges of buildings, or in outdoor classroom woodland or meadow locations.*